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SUBJECT: RED MOSQUE UPDATE - JULY 30, 2007

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1. (SBU) The Government of Pakistan closed the Red Mosque indefinitely on Friday, July 27 following the re-occupation of the compound by unarmed students and a suicide bombing at nearby Aapbara Market (reftel). An investigation into the bombing has so far turned up few leads on the bomber's identity, but it appears police at the restaurant were the primary target. (Note: Restaurants in the G-6 sector are turning away police out of fear other targeted bombings will follow. End Note.) The government's Capital Development Authority is once again painting the mosque white and beige and has renamed it the "Central Mosque." On July 28 Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz met with family members of some of the students who have been missing since the government's operation against the mosque and promised the government would help find the students.

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